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COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	REPORT	
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1. On 21 April 1953, about 900 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, motor transport or tank insignia, 55 trucks, 31 prime movers, 24 x 100-mm AT guns and 1,200 AT gun ammunition boxes were loaded at the Gera railroad station. Four tanks left the Panzer Kaserne Tinz toward Weimar.^{1 2}
2. At 7 a.m. on 20 April, two troop trains of about 40 cars each were loaded with eight artillery pieces of about 150 mm, two field kitchens, billeting equipment and trucks. The troops came from the Reuss Kaserne Gera. The troop trains left toward Weimar. At 9:55 a.m. on 21 April, three artillery pieces of 100 mm to 120 mm and four field kitchens were loaded. On and after 22 April, only a few soldiers were observed in Gera.⁴

1. [REDACTED]
2. Comment. [REDACTED] The trains probably went to Ohrdruf. [REDACTED] 24 x 100-mm AT guns were entrained on the morning of 20 April 1953. The brigade, however, is listed with one regiment equipped with 24 x 100-mm AT guns only. Thus, it is possible that either the same train remained at the Gera railroad station until 21 April 1953, or that the regiment is equipped with a number of AT guns larger than previously assumed. As the 100-mm AT gun can easily be identified [REDACTED]

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